



U.S. Forest Service

Interpretive Programs



JUNE

Fissuring Out the Past—Ice Cave Ridge

Thursday, June 11, 9:00—11:00 am

Take a pleasant walk and learn about the geology of the Ice Cave Ridge and the surrounding area. Wear walking shoes/boots, dress appropriately for the weather, and bring drinking water. Please leave your 4-legged friends at home.

Directions: Meet at the Piedra River Trailhead northwest of Pagosa Springs. From Highway 160, go north on Piedra Road for approximately 14 miles. The trailhead is on the left a few hundred yards beyond the crossing of the Piedra River.

Birding with Ben - San Juan River Walk

Tuesday, June 16, 8:00—10:00 am

See, hear, and learn about the birds found in Southwest Colorado, led by Ben Bailey, Weminuche Audubon Society. Bring binoculars and water and wear layers. Open to all ages, abilities, and families. Meeting location will be at the Ross Aragon Community Center.



Look Who's Talking—Arborglyphs

Saturday, June 27, 9:00—11:30 am

Join local researcher Peggy Bergon on this three mile hike from the Buckles Lake Trailhead as she shares with you examples of the “tree talk” the sheepherders left while weaving in the story of the early sheep industry in Archuleta County.

Directions: Drive south on US route 84 for about 19 miles, turn left on the Buckles Lake Road (Forest Service Road 663) and follow it to the end in about 7 miles. Due to the nature of the walk, it is limited to 12 participants; to reserve a spot, call the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268.

JULY

Wild About Wildflowers

Thursday, July 9, 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Take a slow-paced wildflower identification hike with Susan and Dean Dussel on the Continental Divide Trail from the top of Wolf Creek Pass to the Rock Garden and beyond. Elevation gain to the Rock Garden is 800 feet. As many as 80 different wild flowers may be found.

Directions: Meet Susan and Dean at the interpretive sign at Wolf Creek Pass. Wear hiking shoes/boots. Bring raingear and a bag lunch. If you have a 2 way radio, please bring it. Hike is limited to 15. Contact the Pagosa Ranger District at 264-2268 to sign up.



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A Walk Back in Time—Provancher Ranch

Saturday, July 11, 9:00—11:30 am

Take a walk back in time to visit the location of a 1930's CCC camp and the homestead era Provancher (Murray) Ranch.

Directions: For this moderate walk (about 3.5 miles round trip), we will meet at the entrance to the Blanco River Picnic Area. Travel south from Pagosa approx. 11 miles on Highway 84 to Blanco River Road (#656), turn east and follow the gravel road about 2.5 miles to its end.



Birding with Ben—Coyote Hill

Tuesday, July 14, 8:00—10:00 am

See, hear, and learn about the birds found in the San Juan National Forest led by Ben Bailey, Weminuche Audubon Society. Bring binoculars and water and wear layers. Open to all ages, abilities, and families. Meeting location will be at the Coyote Hill Trailhead.

AUGUST

Birding with Ben—Spiler Canyon

Thursday, August 13, 7:30—10:00 am

See, hear, and learn about the birds found in the San Juan National Forest led by Ben Bailey, Weminuche Audubon Society. Bring binoculars and water and wear layers. Open to all ages, abilities, and families.

Meeting location will be either Archuleta County Fairgrounds or Tractor Supply. The exact location will be announced through the newspaper or on the radio.

For the Love of Mushrooms

Thursday, August 27, 9:00—11:30 am

One of the many benefits of summer rains in Pagosa country is the emergence of a wide variety of mushrooms in the evergreen forest. Gretchen will lead a slow-paced walk to identify mushroom species. Meeting location is the Fourmile Trailhead.

FREE!



Guided Walks take place in and around the San Juan National Forest unless otherwise noted in the program description. Programs may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Sturdy footwear is recommended for those attending walks.

Additional programs will be advertised through the newspaper or on the radio. Stay tuned!

Questions? Contact Brandon Caley at 264-2268.

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